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SUBJECT: UNITA AGREES TO CEASE-FIRE

1. CINC/ANGOLA HAS ANNOUNCED THAT FOLLOWING NEGOTIATIONS WITH UNITA "SOMEWHERE IN EASTERN ANGOLA" ON JUNE 14 BOTH SIDES "HAVE AGREED TO SUSPEND ARMED ACTIVITY IN AS SHORT A TIME AS POSSIBLE TO CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE PROPITIOUS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE POLITICAL DIALOGUE WHICH WILL HELP RESTORE PEACE IN ANGOLA."

2. COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY CINC/ANGOLA JUNE 17 CONTAINS GRACIOUS "HOMAGE" TO UNITA PRESIDENT DR JONAS SAVIMBI FOR HIS "POLITICAL MATURITY, LOYALTY AND SINCERE LOVE FOR ALL THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE." TALKS HELD "IN FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE," "GREATEST CORDIALITY AND MUTUAL RESPECT." THOSE PARTICIPATING INCLUDED, BESIDES SAVIMBI, FOUR OFFICERS FROM EACH SIDE.

3. COMMUNIQUE REPORTS THAT MILITARY DELEGATION WILL PRESENTLY VISIT LISBON TO REPORT TO PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT AND TO JUNTA, AND SUGGESTS INSTRUCTIONS MAY BE SOUGHT FOR NEXT ROUND OF
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"POLITICAL TALKS."

4. COMMENT: UNITA HAS DISTINCTION OF BEING FIRST OF ALL ANTI-PORTUGUESE REBEL MOVEMENTS TO AGREE TO CEASE-FIRE AND TO ACCEPT PORTUGAL'S CALL TO SUBSTITUTE POLITICAL FOR INSURGENT ACTIVITY. SAVIMBI HAS PUBLICLY ENDORSED IDEA OF SELF-DETERMINATION AS DEFINED BY SPINOLA GOVERNMENT (I.E., HE DOES NOT INSIST ON INSTANT INDEPENDENCE/INSTANT POWER AS DO THE OTHER MOVEMENTS) (LUANDA 0459). IF HE CAN SUCCEED IN ESTABLISHING HIMSELF AS A POLITICAL LEADER IN THE DAYS AHEAD, THIS SHOULD INFLUENCE WHAT STRONGER, RIVAL ORGANIZATIONS (FNLA, MPLA) DECIDE TO DO.

5. THAT FOUR MIDDLE GRADE ARMY OFFICERS (C/C, MAJOR, 2 CAPTAINS, ALL LINKED TO MFA TO GREATER OR LESSER DEGREE) SUCCEEDED WHERE POLITICIANS SO FAR HAVE FAILED IN TALKS WITH OTHER REBELS SHOULD GREATLY BOOST ARMY'S MORALE AND PRESTIGE IN ANGOLA.
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